STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

1978-79 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park counties and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the state of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 31, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 7 ducks and, after opening day, a possession limit of 14 ducks except no more than 2 redheads or 2 canvasbacks or 1 of each daily may be taken and no more than 4 singly or in the aggregate may be possessed.
Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.
Mergansers: In addition to the bag limit on other ducks, the daily limit of mergansers will be a daily aggregate limit of 5 and possession limit of 10. In the daily limit, no more than 1 hooded merganser may be included and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be included in the possession limit.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 31, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 5 geese. No more than 2 of the dark species (Whitefronts, Canadas) and no more than 3 white geese will be allowed in the daily or possession limit, which shall include no more than 1 Ross' goose.

Exception 1: One-half hour before sunrise October 14, 1978, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 31, 1978, in Broadwater, Deer Lodge, and that portion of the Helena Valley in Lewis & Clark County south of State Highway 200.

Exception 2: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 26, 1978, in portions of Flathead, Lake, and Sanders counties described as follows: Beginning at Ravalli, thence north along U.S. Highway 93 to Polson and Elmo, thence west on State Highway 28 to its intersection with State Highway 382 near Hot Springs and south along said highway to Perma, thence east along U.S. Highway 10 to Ravalli, the point of beginning.

Note: Each morning before the season opens, a drawing will be conducted to determine assignment of goose hunting pits at Pablo and Ninepipes Game Management Areas.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 31, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Common (Wilson's) snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Common (Wilson's) snipe.

WHISTLING SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan. Season is restricted to Teton County. Permits will be valid 93 days, beginning one-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, and ending at sunset December 31, 1978. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish and Game office by September 5, 1978. The drawing will be on September 7, 1978. The applicant's 1978 Montana Bird License number must be on the application.

REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Development Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena and the Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis & Clark County and a portion of Fresno Reservoir in Hill County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting; in Madison County, a portion of the Madison Valley north of Ennis, as posted; a portion of Flathead County east of Somers on the north shore of Flathead Lake as posted; and a portion of Lake County described as the N½ of Section 16 in T19N, R20W, as posted.

During the opening weekend of waterfowl hunting at Freezout Game Management area (September 30-October 1), hunting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. Waterfowl hunting within the boundaries of Freezout will be prohibited during the afternoons of the first two days of the season.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat, when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess a stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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1978-79 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the state of Montana within the Central Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 28, 1978. Then reopening one-half hour before sunrise December 11, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 2, 1979.
Bag Limit: The season is based on a daily point value of 100 plus points. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken, when added to the sum of the point values of other birds already taken during that day, reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds which legally could have been taken in two days. The point allocation for ducks is as follows:

10 Points	20 Points	70 Points	100 Points
Blue-Wing Teal	Drake Mallard	Hen Mallard	Canvasback
Green-Wing Teal	Ringneck Duck	Wood Duck	
Cinnamon Teal	All other species & sex not listed under other categories.	Hooded Merganser	
Scaup		Redhead	
Pintail			
Gadwall			
Shoveller			
Common & Red-Breasted Merganser			
American Widgeon			

Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 and 30 in possession.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to December 31, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese. The limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose in bag or in possession.

LITTLE BROWN CRANE

Persons wishing to hunt Little Brown Cranes must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, the Fish and Game regional headquarters in Glasgow, Billings, or Miles City, or the Fish and Game office in Helena.
Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 5, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit will be 3 Little Brown Crane and, after opening day, a possession limit of 6.

Exception 1: Sheridan County and that area south and west of Interstate Highway 90 and the Big Horn River shall be closed to the hunting of Little Brown Crane.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 30, 1978, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 28, 1978.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Common (Wilson's) snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Common (Wilson's) snipe.

REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: Nelson Reservoir in Phillips County; North Chinook Reservoir in Blaine County; and McLean Reservoir in Hill County; and portions of Treasure and Rosebud counties shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat, when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess a stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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WATERFOWL CLOSURES

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described areas shall be closed to the hunting, harassment, or molesting of migratory waterfowl.

REGION ONE: Lake County: A parcel of land in Lake County, as posted, containing 320 acres more or less, and further described as the N½ of Section 16 in T19N, R20W. (This area is also closed to upland game bird hunting.)

Flathead County: A parcel of land and water in Flathead County, as posted, containing 1,210 acres more or less, and further described as the E½ of Section 26 and the N½ of the NE¼of Section 25 all in T27N, R21W; and Section 19, the W½ of the W½ of Section 20, the N½ of the NW¼ of Section 30, all in T27N, R20W. (This area is also closed to upland game bird hunting.)

REGION TWO: Warm Springs Pond No. 3 (Deer Lodge County): A piece, parcel, or tract of land comprising portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12 in T4N, R10W, M.P.M., portions of Sections 30 and 31 in T5N, R9W, M.P.M., and portions of Section 25 and 36 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the section corner common to Sections 19 and 30 in T5N, R9W and Sections 24 and 25 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., and running thence west along the north boundary line of said Section 25, T5N, R10W, a distance of 1,060 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly right-of-way boundary line to U.S. Highway 10 south, thence south 7° 52' west, along the easterly right-of-way boundary line of said U.S. Highway 10 south, a distance of 16,660 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly right-of-way boundary line of a cross road, thence south 34° 9' east, along the northerly right-of-way boundary line of said cross road, a distance of 216.5 feet to a point, thence south 85° 39' east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 965.0 feet to a point, thence north 83° 5' east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 112.6 feet to a point, thence north 54° 34' east along said right-of-way line, a distance of 167.7 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way boundary line of the old county road to Deer Lodge, thence in a northerly direction along the westerly right-of-way boundary line of the old county road, a distance of 15,600 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north 63° 17' west, along a line 800 feet northerly of and parallel to the center line of dike of Warm Springs Settling Pond No. 3, a distance of 2,831.3 feet to a point, thence north 24° 45' west, a distance of 2,713.4 feet to a point on the north boundary line of Section 30, T5N, R9W, thence north 89° 24' west, along the north boundary line of said Section 30, a distance of 1,567.0 feet to the section corner common to Sections 19 and 30 in T5N, R9W, and Sections 24 and 25 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., the place of beginning, containing in all an area of 1,580 acres, more or less.

REGION THREE: Madison County: Those portions of Sections 16, 21, and 28 lying east of U.S. Highway 287 and the western portions of Sections 15, 22, and 27 from 100 feet west of the western more channel of the Madison River (known locally as Fletcher Creek), all in T4S, R1E.

REGION FOUR: Freezout Game Management Area (Teton County): SW¼, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W; W½ Section 12, W½ of E½ Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Game Management Area, T22N, R4W. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis & Clark County): The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

South Half of Lake Helena (Lewis & Clark County): Beginning at a point in the southwest part of Lake Helena to be marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwesterly direction to the south shore, thence south approximately ½ mile, thence in an easterly direction 1½ miles, thence north ¼ mile, thence east 3/4 mile to the west bank of the BLM drain ditch D-7, thence down the west bank of the drain ditch to the lake and out into the lake a distance of 400 yards to a point marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwesterly direction across the lake to the point of beginning, in parts of Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 in T11N, R3W, and in parts of Sections 19 and 30 in T11N, R2W.

REGION FIVE: None

REGION SIX: Fresno Reservoir Area (Hill County): That portion of the Milk River and within 300 yards of its banks between the southeast corner of Section 1, T34N, R12E and the former Kremlin crossing (Section 22, T34N, R13E).

McLean Reservoir (Hill County): Approximately 2,560 acres located in Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, T36N, R15E.

Nelson Reservoir (Phillips County): Approximately 4,300 acres located in portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, T32N, R32E; Sections 26, 35, & 36, T32N, R31E; and Sections 4, 5, & 6, T31N, R32E.

North Chinook Reservoir (Blaine County): Approximately 2,215 acres located in the following sections and part sections of T35N, R18E: NE¼, NW¼, N½SE¼, N½,S½,SE¼, portion of the SW¼ Section 22; Section 23; Section 24; NE¼, SE¼, N½NW¼, portion of S½NW¼ Section 25; portion of the N½NW¼ Section 26.

REGION SEVEN: Treasure & Rosebud Counties: Beginning at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers, then east down the Yellowstone River to the Rosebud-Custer County line, east of Hathaway, Montana (as posted). This closure shall be within the confines of the normal stream flow and shall include all islands, sloughs, and sandbars.

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